



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Hochschuler et al.

Confirmation No.: 7691

Application No.: 10/804,761

Examiner: D. Davis

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Group Art Unit: 3733

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of three (3) months (from October 6, 2006 to December 6, 2006) within which to respond to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006 is requested. A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. Applicants are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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